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FOR AMBASSADOR KEATING

E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN BEIRUT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON SENATOR
PERCY HAS HAD AN INTERESTING SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS
WITH LEBANESE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT TO SETTLE MIDDLE
EAST PROBLEMS MODERATION MUST BE SHOWN ON BOTH SIDES.
PROVIDED YOU PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO
MEET NOT ONLY THE PERSONS YOU HAVE ALREADY INDICATED,
BUT ALSO WITH ISRAELI HAWK ELEMENTS. HIS CURRENT
THINKING IS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT TO THESE
ELEMENTS THE MODERATION HE HAS ENCOUNTERED SO FAR IN
THE ARAB CAMP AND HIS CONVICTION THAT FOR ISRAEL'
OWN FUTURE ISRAEL MUST NOW MAKE CONCESSIONS TO
ACHIEVE PEACE AND ACTIVELY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF

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MODERATION CURRENTLY EXISTING IN ARAB WORLD WHICH

WILL NOT SURVIVE ANOTHER CONFLAGRATION. HE WOULD ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT THE EROSION OF SUPPORT FOR ANY OVERT ACTIONS BY ISRAEL OR FOR A FAILURE ON ISRAEL'S PART TO SEIZE THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A STEP-BY-STEP SETTLEMENT. THE CLIMATE IN THE CONGRESS AND AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS CHANGING RAPIDLY.

2. IT WOULD BE HIS INTENTION TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER RABIN, WHICH HE CONSIDERS MODERATE, AND CLEARLY TO INDICATE TO THE HARDLINERS THAT IN HIS JUDGMENT AND THE JUDGMENT OF MANY OTHER SENATORS THEIR INTRANSIGENCE OR DESIRE TO PUSH ISRAEL AT THIS STAGE MILIARILY RATHER THAN DIPLOMATICALLY WOULD BE A DISASTROUS COURSE TO FOLLOW. HE PARTICULARLY WANTED ME TO SAY THAT HE WILL BE GUIDED BY YOUR WISE COUNSEL AND VIEWS IN THIS DELICATE MATTER.
SIGNED GODLEY

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